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News and Events

Pierre on Spring Break

Pierre, GSU's favorite penguin, loves to travel and plans to spend some of next week's Spring Break eyeing places to go this summer. Meanwhile, he's looking over some favorite destinations closer to home during GSU's first-ever Spring Break.

1. **Taking a dip.** Pierre will head to GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center – and especially the pool – to work off some of this winter's unwanted avoirdupois.
2. **Back to the park.** After a long winter, there's nothing like that first spring trip to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. He's a big fan of Phoenix, a bird-related work. Pierre reminds all non-penguins to wear waterproof boots at this time of year.
3. **Sweet sounds.** On Saturday, March 19, Pierre is recommending a trip to [The Center for Performing Arts](#) to hear songstress Ava Logan.
4. **Sweet tastes.** Pierre's French-Canadian relatives have been making maple syrup for generations. See how it's done at the [Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Maple Syrup Festival](#) on March 12 and 13. Free.
5. **Get your Irish on.** A few days each year, our feathered friend likes to think of himself as Pierre O' Penguin. Look for Pierre in his distinctive kilt at Sunday's [Tinley Park Irish Parade](#), which starts at 2 p.m. along Oak Park Avenue.
6. **House of glass.** It won't be green outside for a few more weeks but it's always green inside at the [Garfield Park Conservatory](#), one of Chicago's great attractions. Giant palms and cacti under the same glass roof as exotic plants from around the planet. Free.
7. **Night hike.** The [Will County Forest Preserve District](#) is sponsoring a Pie in the Sky walk from 6 to 8 p.m. March 17 at Thorn Creek Nature Center, located about a mile from GSU. Participants get a piece of homemade pie after the walk. Pierre, a pie-loving penguin, is very interested. \$5 per person or \$15 per family.
8. **Hello Dali.** Pierre also likes the Modern Wing at the [Art Institute of Chicago](#), an easy trip north on Metra's Electric Line. Thursdays are free from 5 to 8 p.m.
9. **Perked up.** How about one more trip on Metra, this time to hear [LePercolator](#)? It's described as a "hipster gypsy jazz" ensemble, at the Chicago Cultural Center on Friday, March 18 at 12:15 p.m. Free.
10. **Open for business.** Pierre also wants to remind you that campus offices will be open during Spring Break, as well as the [Library](#), [Academic Resource Center](#), and [Writing Center](#).

Pierre photos courtesy of Karen Kissel and Provost Terry Allison.



Final Day of Battle



Today is the final day of the 2011 Penny Wars. Don't forget to deposit your pennies in the jars for a positive addition to that department's total or sabotage another department by adding silver and bills to their jar.

Remember all funds collected support Civil Service Senate programs and scholarships. The winner will be announced next week.

Celebrate Cues and Paddles

The new GSU Student Gaming Lounge is now open. The Student Senate is sponsoring a grand opening celebration – complete with pizza and games of pool and table tennis. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration on March 10, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The new Student Gaming Lounge is located in the lower level of A wing, north of the Rec and Fitness Center. Check out this new GSU facility, savor the pizza, and try your hand with cue and paddle.

Jobs and Internships in Criminal Justice

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment fair for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in criminal justice and related fields. The Criminal Justice Career and Internship Fair will be held on March 24, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

In Addition...

Brendan Hollandsworth has been elected to another term on the GSU Student Senate. The new GSU Student Senate will be installed April 5, at the Student Senate meeting. The new senators' term of office runs from April, 2011 until April 2012.

Social Work Students - Advocacy Day 2011

GSU Social Work students were out in full force to support Social Work Advocacy Day in Springfield last week.

GSU tied for first place with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the greatest number of students participating in the day's events with 119 students attending.



Coordinating the event with members and officers of the GSU Social Work Student Organization was Phyllis West, Ph.D., MPH, MSW, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work. Accompanying West were colleagues Lorri Glass, Ph.D., LCSW, ACSW, Assistant Professor in the Social Work Department and Bachelor of Social Work Program Coordinator, and Asabi Yakini, Ph.D., a lecturer in the Social Work Department.

Commenting on the day's events, Dr. West said, "In addition to learning about urgent financial matters impacting human service organizations, throughout the day students

demonstrated an amazing school spirit and a desire to learn more about policy.”

According to the Executive Director of the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Joel L. Rubin, MSW, CAE, writing on the NASW-IL website, “Our large numbers could not have come at a more important time: serious issues of budget cuts to human services ... are a significant area of focus, in addition to implementation of healthcare reform in Illinois and Medicaid reform in the state.”

Thanks were extended to Sheree Sanderson, Director of Student Engagement and College Relations, who provided support services for the trip, and helped secure a second bus needed to transport the large GSU contingent.

ScholarShip – Patty Fu-Giles

In February, Dr. Patty Fu-Giles, assistant professor of chemistry, was invited by the chemistry department of Northern Illinois University to give a seminar on *Nanoencapsulated Drug-Carrying System for Photodynamic Antimicrobial Chemotherapy*. Fu-Giles presented her research on combining photodynamic therapy with nanotechnology to cure chronic wounds. She will also present on this subject at Southern Illinois University later this semester.

Meatout

The GSU Wellness Club will host an informational table on meatless diets on March 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Meatout is an international education campaign to help people learn about a wholesome, compassionate diet of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Everyone is invited to visit the information table to learn more.



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